



Resolution

WHEREAS, February has been designated Spay and Neuter Awareness Month by Harris County, and the last Tuesday in February is recognized as World Spay Day; and

WHEREAS, unneutered stray animals impact public safety and public health; an overpopulation of unneutered strays can lead to the spread of diseases, animal aggression, and car accidents; and

WHEREAS, shelters, rescues, and trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs are critical to reducing the number of stray animals by encouraging adoption, fostering, spaying, and neutering; and

WHEREAS, #TeamFeral is a nonprofit organization which aims to reduce the feral cat population around Harris County through TNR programs, fostering, and transporting cats and kittens; in 2023, #TeamFeral spayed and neutered more than 1,800 cats as part of their TNR efforts and transported 482 cats and kittens out of Texas to shelters and homes across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lone Star Pawz is a foster-based animal rescue that helps cats and dogs find forever homes across the United States by transporting and facilitating adoptions for the animals it rescues in Harris, Fort Bend, and Brazoria Counties; in just over a year, Lone Star Pawz facilitated more than 750 adoptions while spaying, neutering, and vaccinating animals across the area; and

WHEREAS, these two organizations and others—including Southwest Animal Transport Team, Houston Pets Alive!, Rescued Pets Movement, Houston Pet Set, K9 Angels, and Homeless and Orphaned Pets Endeavor (HOPE)—contribute to the safety and health of the stray animal population throughout the Greater Harris County region; and

WHEREAS, volunteers within and outside these organizations play an important role in capturing, spaying, neutering, and finding homes for thousands of animals in Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Precinct 4 encourages pet owners to spay, neuter, and microchip their pets, and remains committed to partnering with Harris County Public Health and Harris County Pets to reduce the number of stray animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby respectfully honors

#TEAMFERAL AND LONE STAR PAWZ

for their work to promote the health and wellbeing of animals within Precinct 4, Harris County, and beyond.

It is hereby ORDERED that this Resolution be included in the minutes of Commissioners Court this 27th day of February 2024.

Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Lesley Briones
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, TEXAS